

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4337–S4358

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2751–2761, and S. Res. 334. **Pages S4355–56**

Measures Reported:

S. 285, to provide for the perpetuation, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–95)

S. 885, to establish a Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve in the Department of Homeland Security as a pilot project to address the cybersecurity needs of the United States with respect to national security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–96)

S. 2272, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for special base rates of pay for wildland firefighters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–97) **Page S4355**

Bradsher Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S4337–47**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 223), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4347**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 12, 2023; that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m. **Page S4358**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Basil Ivanhoe Gooden, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

Patrice J. Robinson, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2028.

Thomas G. Day, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2028.

Colleen Duffy Kiko, of North Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2027.

Colleen Danielle Holland, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

John A. Kazen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years.

Micah W.J. Smith, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii. **Page S4358**

Executive Communications: **Pages S4352–55**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4351–52**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S4358**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—223) **Page S4347**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4358.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General David W. Allvin, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine housing supply and innovation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine the need for transparency in Artificial Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Tanya Monique Jones Bosier, Danny Lam Hoan Nguyen, and Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:45 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine book bans, focusing on how censorship limits liberty and literature, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold an oversight hearing to examine A.I., focusing on legislating on artificial intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4365, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act,

2024”; and H.R. 1435, the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 12 through September 15,
2023

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4366, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General David W. Allvin, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

September 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Lisa M. Franchetti, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 12, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 12, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine housing supply and innovation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: September 13, to hold hearings to examine how immigration fuels economic growth and our competitive advantage, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 12, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine the need for transparency in Artificial Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 13, to hold hearings to examine the effects of extreme heat and weather on transportation, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 14, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 12, business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Tanya Monique Jones Bosier, Danny Lam Hoan Nguyen, and Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:45 a.m., SD-562.

September 13, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the PGA Tour-LIV deal, focusing on the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund's investments in the United States, 11 a.m., SD-562.

September 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine governing AI through acquisition and procurement, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 12, to hold hearings to examine book bans, focusing on how censorship limits liberty and literature, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 12, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold an oversight hearing to examine A.I., focusing on legislating on artificial intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 13, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jerry Edwards, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Margaret M. Garnett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Jennifer L. Hall, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, Brandon S. Long, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Matthew James Maddox, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Brandy R. McMillion, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Karoline Mehalchick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, and Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Philip S. Hadji, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Rebecca C. Lutzko, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and April M. Perry, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 12, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 13, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, September 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Implementation of the Electronic Health Record Modernization Initiative, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, September 13, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "The Impact of Biden's Open Border on the American Workforce", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 13, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled "Keeping the Lights On: Enhancing Reliability and Efficiency to Power American Homes", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Making the Grade?: Audit of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Lights, Camera, Subscriptions: State of the Video Marketplace", 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Prevent and Respond to Generic Drug Shortages", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and Other Efforts to Strengthen National Security in the United States", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled "Implementing Basel III, What's the Fed's Endgame?", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled "Digital Dollar Dilemma: The Implications of a Central Bank Digital Currency and Private Sector Alternatives", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 14, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled "Iran's Escalating Threats: Assessing U.S. Policy Toward Iran's Malign Activities", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

September 14, Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Children are not for Sale—Global Efforts to Address Child Trafficking", 12 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Unbearable Price: The

Devastating Human Costs of the Biden-Mayorkas Border Crisis”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 13, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Children are Not for Sale: Examining the Threat of Exploitation of Children in the U.S. and Abroad”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Terrorist Entry Through the Southwest Border”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining the Methodology and Structure of the U.S. Geological Survey’s Critical Minerals List”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining Systemic Government Overreach at CEQ”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, September 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unsuitable Litigation: Oversight of Third-Party Litigation Funding”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “A Dangerous Strategy: Examining the Biden Administration’s Failures on Iran”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 14, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “Oh Doctor, Where Art Thou? Pandemic Erosion of the Doctor-Patient Relationship”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Agencies’ Post-Pandemic Telework Policies”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled “How are Federal Agencies Harnessing Artificial Intelligence?”, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, hearing entitled “The Inflation Reduction Act: A Year in Review”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Update on the Department of Energy’s Science and Technology Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 13, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Enabling Success: Examining the Competitive Landscape for Small Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 14, Full Committee, markup on legislation to amend the Small Business Economic Policy Act of 1980 to examine how the competitiveness of small businesses is affected by the enforcement of Federal antitrust laws, and for other purposes; legislation to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on the performance of the Office of Rural Affairs, to require a report on the memorandum of understanding between the Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture entered into on April 4, 2018, and for other purposes; legislation to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Rural Affairs, and for other purposes; legislation to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to provide a link to resources for submitting reports on suspected fraud relating to certain COVID-19 loans; and legislation to prohibit individuals convicted of defrauding the Government from receiving any assistance from the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 13, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “The Future of Automated Commercial Motor Vehicles: Impacts on Society, the Supply Chain, and U.S. Economic Leadership”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, September 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “VA Electronic Health Record Modernization: Get Well Soon?”, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 12

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(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jeffrey Irvine Cummings until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, September 12

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.



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